

the National School Lunch program was increased by \$173 million, the School Breakfast program by \$107 million, the Women, Infants and Children program by \$260 million. Head Start also was increased by \$36 million. These increases mean that hundreds of additional children in South Dakota will receive the sustenance they need. The increases in school-based nutrition programs are especially beneficial. They allow children to concentrate on what is really important—learning. Clearly, Congress is making good on its commitment to the youngest and most vulnerable in our society.

The single greatest issue affecting our children's future though, is the Federal budget. Our \$5 trillion debt threatens the quality of life of future generations on many fronts. Skyrocketing interest payments on our national debt will continue to squeeze out funding for other legitimate Federal programs, such as child care or foster care. We must take immediate action to control deficit spending to preserve our school lunch or Title I programs for future generations.

Budget deficits darken our children's economic future as well. We need a balanced budget to lower interest rates, spur economic development and create jobs. Lower interest rates will make a college education and a first home more affordable.

I was very disappointed that liberals in the Senate once again rejected the Balanced Budget Amendment. This is a moral issue. A balanced budget represents real hope and opportunity for all Americans. I continuously have supported a balanced budget, as well as a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution. Our \$5 trillion debt burden is an albatross that our children will be forced to carry. Having just celebrated Father's Day, I would like to give my daughter, and all other children, the gift of freedom from our national debt.

Balancing the budget, preserving programs like school lunch and Head Start, providing real hope and opportunity for future generations—that's how we can stand for children. All are not mutually exclusive goals. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the months ahead to ensure that we in Congress demonstrate a strong, bipartisan commitment to children.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Thomas, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting a treaty.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:45 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2803. An act to amend the anti-car theft provisions of title 49, United States Code, to increase the utility of motor vehicle title information to State and Federal law enforcement officials, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3525. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the Federal jurisdiction over offenses relating to damage to religious property.

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge."

At 6:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 1579. An Act to streamline and improve the effectiveness of chapter 75 of title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the "Single Audit Act").

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3572. An act to designate the bridge on United States Route 231 which crosses the Ohio River between Maceo, Kentucky, and Rockport, Indiana, as the "William H. Natcher Bridge"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measures were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3060. An act to implement the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

H.R. 3562. An act to authorize the State of Wisconsin to implement the demonstration project known as "Wisconsin Works."

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3045. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Spear-mint Oil Produced in the Far West; Revision of the Salable Quantity and Allotment Percentage for Class I (Scotch) Spear-mint Oil for the 1995-96 Marketing Year," received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3046. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, trans-

mitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Order—Amendment of the Rules and Regulations to Add HTS Code for Flavored Honey," (FV-96-701) received on June 11, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3047. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Mediterranean fruit Fly; Removal of Quarantined Areas," received on June 14, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3048. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Tobacco Inspection; Grower's Referendum Results," (TB-95-15) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3049. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Tobacco Inspection; Grower's Referendum Results," (TB-95-13) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3050. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Assessment Rate," (FV96-982-1) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3051. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Increased Assessment Rate for Domestically Produced Peanuts Handled by Persons not Subject to Peanut Marketing Agreement No. 146 and for Marketing Agreement No. 146 Regulating the Quality of Domestically Produced Peanuts," (FV96-998-1) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3052. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Designated Counties in Washington; Temporary Suspension of Minimum Grade Requirements," (FV-96-922-1) received on June 13, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3053. A communication from the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of program performance for fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3054. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Apricots Grown in Washington; Temporary Suspension of Minimum Grade Requirements," (FV-96-922-1) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3055. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Colorado; Assessment Rate," (FV-96-948-1) received on June 18, 1996; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.